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SUBJ: IRANIAN INTEREST IN ROMANIAN POLITICAL SITUATION

1. PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA ASKED ME ON DECEMBER 10 WHETHER PRESIDENT  
CEAUSESCU AND HIS POLICIES WERE IN TROUBLE. HIS INQUIRY DERIVED  
FROM A MESSAGE HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS BROTHER, IRANIAN AMBASSADOR  
AT THE UNITED NATIONS, INDICATING THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR THERE  
HAD TOLD HIM THAT CEAUSESCU'S TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES WAS CUT  
SHORT BECAUSE THERE WAS A CLOSE VOTE IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND  
CEAUSESCU AND HIS WIFE HAD TO RETURN TO CAST THEIR TWO VOTES. IN  
ADDITION, HOVEYDA CLAIMS THAT WHEN MAURER WAS IN TEHRAN A FEW  
WEEKS AGO, HE TOLD HOVEYDABETHAT HE BASICALLY DISAGREED WITH  
CEAUSESCU'S POLICIES AND THAT HE WAS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING  
RESIGNING OR RETIRING IN ORDER TO DO SOME WRITING ON THE ROMANIAN  
POLITICAL SITUATION, HIS VIEWS TO BE PUBLISHED AFTER HIS DEATH.  
IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT MAURER'S DISAGREEMENT WITH CEAUSESCU  
WENT DEEPER THAN SIMPLE DISAPPROVAL OF EFFORTS TO MAKE ROMANIA AS  
INDEPENDENT OF THE SOVIET UNION AS POSSIBLE.

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